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1. COLONEL DE MAS LATRIE, MILITARY COUNSELLOR OF THE  
FRENCH DELEGATION TO NATO, CALLED ON THE US DEPDEFAD  
(HUBBARD) TO DISCUSS THE NATO LONG TERM INITIATIVES. DE MAS  
LATRIE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE  
(TOR) FOR THE TASK FORCES, AND WHEN WORK ON THE INITIATIVES  
WOULD BEGIN. HUBBARD REPLIED THAT THE EWG ON JULY 15 HAD  
APPROVED ALL THE TASK FORCE TORS AND THAT WORK HAD ALREADY  
BEGUN.

2. DE MAS LATRIE COMMENTED THAT THE FRENCH WERE INTERESTED  
IN ALL THE INITIATIVES, BUT WERE MORE INTERESTED IN SOME  
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THAN OTHERS, FOR EXAMPLE, AIR DEFENSE, C3, RATIONALIZATION,  
EW, LOGISTICS, AND MARITIME. WHEN HUBBARD MENTIONED THAT  
THE TASK FORCE ON READINESS WOULD BE LOOKING AT THE ANTI-  
ARMOR PROBLEM, HE SAID THAT THE FRENCH WOULD ALSO BE  
INTERESTED IN THE READINESS TASK FORCE -- AT LEAST THAT ONE  
ASPECT OF IT. HE ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR TINE HAD TALKED TO  
SYG LUNS ON JULY 20 AND HAD TOLD LUNS THAT FRANCE WOULD

OFFICIALLY REQUEST COPIES OF THE TASK FORCE TORS AND WOULD AT THE SAME TIME SUGGEST A WAY FOR THE FRENCH TO KEEP ABREAST OF WORK GOING ON IN THE INITIATIVES. TINE HOPES TO HAVE A LETTER TO THE SYG BEFORE THE END OF JULY WHICH WILL SPECIFY EXACTLY HOW THE FRENCH COULD PARTICIPATE.

3. DE MAS LATRIE SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION COULD POSSIBLY TAKE THE FORM OF LIAISON BETWEEN TASK FORCES AND THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSIONS AT SHAPE AND SACLANT; AND IN THE CASE OF RATIONALIZATION AND LOGISTICS, THROUGH THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO NATO, BY MEANS OF THEIR ALREADY ESTABLISHED CONNECTIONS IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY (AHC/EI) AND THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD). COMMENT; WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS THE APPROACH THAT TINE BROACHED WITH LUNS. END COMMENT.

4. HUBBARD TOLD DE MAS LATRIE THAT, IN DEVELOPING THEIR PROGRAMS, TASK FORCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO REQUEST INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM NATIONS. HE ASKED IF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM THE TASK FORCES. HUBBARD SAID HE COULD ENVISION INSTANCES WHERE INFORMATION FROM THE FRENCH COULD BE USEFUL WHEN TASK FORCES WERE CONSIDERING INTEROPERABILITY ASPECTS OF A PROGRAM. DE MAS LATRIE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW YET HOW DEEPLY CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INITIATIVES, BUT HE FELT THAT REQUESTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

5. COMMENT. WE FIND THIS NEWEST FRENCH OVERTURE ON THE LONG TERM INITIATIVES TO HAVE A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FLAVOR FROM THOSE REPORTED IN REFERENCES A. AND B. FOR NOW, OUR COMMENTS IN REFERENCES C. AND D. STILL STAND, BUT WE WILL WANT TO COMMENT FURTHER ON FRENCH PARTICIPATION WHEN WE SEE THE OFFICIAL PROPOSAL THE FRENCH MAKE TO THE SYG. END COMMENT. PEREZ

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